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Replacement of Outdated Defence Equipment
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received representations for replacement of outdated defence equipment including Cheetah fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Ageing of equipment is a natural process and is dealt with through proper maintenance, obsolescence management upgrades and acquisition of new equipment.

Replacement of ageing and obsolete equipment, including aircraft, is part of the modernization of the Armed Forces, which is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. Capital Procurement of equipment is carried out as per the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP).

An Inter Government Agreement has been signed with Russia on "Cooperation in the field of Helicopter Engineering", that envisages joint manufacture of the Kamov 226T helicopter in India, which would serve to replace part of the Cheetah / Chetak fleet.

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